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4. (Confidential - JMM) Representative Dick Poff (R., Va.) called regarding the Ervin bill matter and I asked his advice about abroaching Chairman Celler, Judiciary Committee, directly. Poff said he would raise the matter with Celler and let me know the results.

Poff later called to say that he had talked with Celler and concluded that from the Agency's standpoint it would be best for us to oppose the Ervin bill rider as a whole, rather than seek a specific exemption for the Agency. I mentioned Chief Justice Burger's statement quoted in today's press about how the judicial system was overloaded. I said this would seem a good argument against the additional burdens which the Ervin bill would impose. Poff fully agreed. Poff thought our next step might be a letter from the Director to Chairman Celler saying that the Ervin bill rider raised certain problems for the Agency and we would welcome an opportunity for an Agency representative to explain our situation to the Chairman at his convenience. Poff thought there was no great urgency about the matter.

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5. (Confidential - JMM) Accompanied Harold Brownman, [] and Colonel Norbert Walecka, of DOD, who briefed Messrs. Bill Woodruff and Ralph Preston, Senate and House Appropriations Committees staff, on a sensitive Agency project. See Memorandum for the Record.

6. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, the possibility of the Director meeting with Senator McClellan regarding a number of sensitive projects about which the Senator had expressed to Woodruff some concern. Woodruff said he thought there was no hurry about this but we should expect the Senator to bring them up when he has a formal Agency briefing which he hopes to have soon after Labor Day.

7. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, the problem of Dr. Hall's report to the Committee on tactical intelligence. Preston said they had completed markup of the Defense Appropriations bill so the issue was dormant for the rest of this year. However, he said the Committee had not forgotten their displeasure with the way the matter was handled and would undoubtedly bring it up next year.

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5. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Representative Richard Poff (R., Va.) regarding the Ervin bill rider to the House Civil Rights Commission bill. Poff explained that he would not be a conferee but he would give us all the help he could. He said the issue of "germaneness" may have been circumvented by the way in which the Senate attached their rider but this was a complicated parliamentary problem. I briefed him fully on the details of our concern and he was most sympathetic. He recommended that I take up the matter with Representative Edward Hutchinson (R., Mich.) who is expected to be a conferee. I left with Poff a package of material on the bill.

Later in the afternoon, Poff's office called to say that he had explained the situation to Hutchinson and arranged for me to see Hutchinson tomorrow morning at 10:00.

6. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who told me that the review of the Foreign Service appointment list by the Committee was covered without incident in yesterday's meeting of the Committee. He told me also that another appointment list is in the offing. Mr. Kuhl told me also that very little will be done on the IT&T hearing until after the recess for the Republican Convention. A new staff man, Jerome I. Levinson, who was formerly with AID and one of the international banking organizations, will be coming on board after Labor Day to handle this area for the Committee. Messrs. [REDACTED] Cover Staff, 25X1A [REDACTED] WH Division, have been advised.

7. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that Dr. Hall's, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), office had delivered a paper to him today on the cost of tactical intelligence. Mr. Preston told me that the paper was totally unsatisfactory and that in effect was an explanation of why the Department cannot answer the Committee request.

8. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered to Mrs. Ruth Ziebarth, in the office of Representative Philip Crane (R., Ill.), copies of three China map folios which were requested through Mrs. Evelyn Scott, Congressional Liaison office, Department of Commerce. Mrs. Ziebarth apologized for the apparent problem that had been created at the Department of Commerce through the series of calls she had made on Representative Crane's behalf.

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1. (Confidential - JMM) Representative Paul McCloskey called in response to my several earlier efforts to contact him. I referred to his 2 August 1972 letter to the Director in which, as a member of the "Peace Through Law" congressional group, he had requested a briefing on U.S. targetting regarding dikes, civilian population, and POW camps in North Vietnam. I said that in view of McCloskey's interest in either separate briefings by State, Defense and CIA, or a single coordinated briefing, we would suggest a coordinated briefing by State who had all the information available on the subjects which we might have. McCloskey thanked me and seemed to accept this.

2. (Confidential - JMM) Called Colgate Prentice, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations (House), and told him of the above conversation with Representative McCloskey. He said he would pass this on to Mr. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (Far East).

3. (Confidential - JMM) At [redacted] request, I called Mr. Sullivan to explain the foregoing. Sullivan was upset that I had suggested State give the briefing, arguing that Defense was in a much better position to do so although he conceded Defense probably wouldn't consent to do it. I said I consulted the White House and in recommending that State do the briefing I was following White House guidance. 25X1A

4. (Confidential - JMM) Called Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), regarding the Ervin bill rider to the Civil Rights Commission bill. Johnson said he planned to see Chairman Dulski, House Post Office & Civil Service Committee, and I volunteered to contact Committee members Poff, Hanley and Henderson in an effort to get them to join in trying to persuade Dulski to assert his Committee's jurisdiction over the Ervin bill rider. I told Johnson that I hoped we could put enough pressure on the Civil Service Commission and the White House to get them to weigh in to knock out the entire rider. Johnson said that if we failed in this he thought the Hanley bill version would be far preferable to the Ervin version, to which I agreed.

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